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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Mauritius Seeger et al. )

Appl. No.: 09/737,965 )

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CAPTURING A DIGITAL IMAGE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 5, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following paragraph:

-- Fig. 8 is a flow diagram showing the principle of operation of the embodiment

in Fig. 7;--.

On page 5, line 8, delete "Figs. 8(a)-(d)" and insert therefor --Figs. 9(a)-9(d)--.

On page 5, line 9, delete "Fig. 9" and insert therefor --Fig. 10--.

On page 5, line 10, delete "Fig. 8" and insert therefor --Figs. 9(a)-9(d)--.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

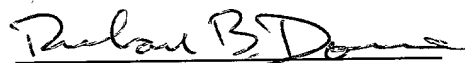
4. (Once Amended) An apparatus according to claim 3 [4], wherein the image analyzer comprises a registration detector for identifying the registration of one image with respect to another.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to examination for the purposes of correcting a claim dependency, adding a description of Fig. 8 in the brief description of the drawings, and correcting incorrect references to Figs. 9 and 10 in the brief description of the drawings.

In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

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